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PSC Approves Settlement In AmerenUE Natural Gas Rate Case

JEFFERSON CITY—The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved a unanimous agreement reached in a natural gas rate case filed by AmerenUE which authorizes the company to increase annual non-gas revenues by approximately \$6 million. The rate increase takes effect on April 1, 2007. The Commission's vote was 4-1.

When AmerenUE filed its rate request with the Public Service Commission on July 10, 2006, it sought to increase non-gas revenues by approximately \$10.8 million. AmerenUE stated the rate increase was needed to recover expenses associated with gas system improvements and expansions since 2003.

The new rates mean a typical residential customer in central and eastern Missouri will see an average monthly increase of approximately \$2.30. The average monthly increase for residential customers in southeast Missouri will be approximately \$2.62. For residential customers in Rolla, Salem and Owensville the average monthly increase will be approximately \$6.86.

The agreement was endorsed by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the Missouri School Boards' Association, the Missouri Retailers Association and AmerenUE.

Under the agreement:

- ✓ Approximately \$263,000 a year will go towards weatherization programs and another \$100,000 a year for programs which promote energy efficiency.
- ✓ AmerenUE will not request another rate increase for three years.
- ✓ On November 1, 2007, three of AmerenUE's natural gas districts will be consolidated into one district in terms of natural gas costs from suppliers. This is designed to allow all AmerenUE customers to equally benefit in company efforts to reduce natural gas price volatility through gas purchasing and price hedging strategies.

AmerenUE serves approximately 125,000 natural gas customers in Missouri.

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